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Environment Secretary Ron Curry to Tour Molycorp Mine, Meet with Company Officials in Questa

(Santa Fe, NM) —New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary Ron Curry will tour the Molycorp molybdenum mine near Questa tomorrow at the invitation of company officials and Senator Carlos Cisneros. The Secretary will spend the morning looking in on the mine's underground operations and surface mill.

Joining the Secretary from NMED will be Administrative Services Division Director Rick Martinez, Ground Water Quality Bureau Chief Bill Olson, Communications Director Jon Goldstein, and Charles de Saillan of the Office of General Counsel. Representing Molycorp will be Manager of Environmental and Health Services William Sharrer and Manager of Government Relations Leroy Apodaca. Senators Carlos Cisneros and Cynthia Nava will also attend the tour.

Molybdenum has been mined from the Red River valley near Questa since 1918. Molybdenum is used in lubricant applications as well as to improve the properties of stainless and alloy steels.

Molycorp's Questa operations are regulated by permits issued by NMED's Ground Water Quality and Air Quality Bureaus.

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